

**STATE OF MONTANA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS**  
**DRAFT 2014 TRIBAL RELATIONS TRAINING**

***"Partners in Building a Stronger Montana"***

December 16, 2014 ♦ 7:30 am to 4:00 pm ♦ Red Lion Colonial Hotel, Helena  
Emcee: Salena Hill (Crow)

**7:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**8:10 am Opening Ceremony**

- Color Guard: Montana Youth Challenge Academy
- Prayer: Francis Auld, Tribal Cultural Leader (Kootenai)
- Honor Song: Winfield Russell, Vice-President, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council (Northern Cheyenne)

**8:30 am Welcome Address: Governor Steve Bullock**

**8:45 am Remarks: Superintendent Denise Juneau** (Blackfeet/Mandan/Hidatsa)

**9:00 am Keynote: Tribal Sovereignty in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

*Del Laverdure, Advisor and Counselor to Crow Nation, Former Bureau of Indian Affairs Secretary (Crow)*

**9:45 am BREAK**

**10:00 am Honoring Tribal History, Culture, and Traditions**

*Francis Auld, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (Kootenai)*

**10:30 am Tribal Governments in Montana**

*Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (Kootenai)*

**11:00 am Sharing the Boundaries Panel – Working Together for Positive Outcomes**

- Commissioner Michael DesRosier, Glacier County (Blackfeet)
- Commissioner Sidney Fitzpatrick, Big Horn County (Crow)
- Senator Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, Senate District 21 (Crow)
- Harry Barnes, Chairman, Blackfeet Nation (Blackfeet)

**12:00 pm LUNCH** (provided)

**12:45 pm A Road to Success**

*Tuff Harris – Motivational Speaker, Former National Football League Athlete (Crow/Northern Cheyenne)*

**1:30 pm Successful Collaborations Breakout Sessions (concurrent, select one):**

**Health and Human Services** – Moderator: Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations Manager, Department of Health and Human Services (Blackfeet/Turtle Mountain)

- Keith Bailey, Executive Director, Helena Indian Alliance (Northern Cheyenne)
- Todd Wilson, Tribal Health Department Director, Crow Tribe (Crow)
- Niki Graham, Director, Center for Prevention and Wellness, Salish Kootenai College (Salish Kootenai)

**Education** – Moderator: Shannon O'Brien, Policy Advisor on Education, Governor's Office

- Mandy Smoker-Broadus, Director, Indian Education Division, Montana Office of Public Instruction (Assiniboine/Sioux)
- Brandi Foster, Director, American Indian/Minority Achievement, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska)
- Dr. Sandra L. Boham, Academic Affairs Vice-President, Salish Kootenai College (Salish Kootenai)

**Law & Justice** – Moderator: Kqyn Kuka, Game Warden, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (Blackfeet)

- Danna Jackson, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Tribal Liaison, U.S. Attorney's Office
- Pablo Espinosa, Chief, CSKT Fish & Game (Salish/Kootenai)
- Harlan Trombley, American Indian Liaison, Department of Corrections (Blackfeet)

**Natural Resources and Economic Development** – Moderator: Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (Kootenai)

- Forrest Smith, Director, Fort Peck Tribes Mineral Resources Department (Assiniboine/Sioux)
- Leonard Smith, Executive Director, Native American Development Corporation (Assiniboine/Sioux)
- Joel Clairmont, Deputy Director, Montana Department of Agriculture (Salish)

**2:45 pm BREAK**

**3:00 pm Integrating Native Traditions**

*Winfield Russell, Vice-President, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council (Northern Cheyenne)*

**3:30 pm Indian Language Preservation Panel**

- Casey Lozar, Program Manager, State Tribal Economic Development Commission (Salish/Kootenai)
- Chaney Bell, Salish Language Coordinator, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (Salish)
- Nathaniel St. Pierre, President, Stone Child College (Chippewa Cree)

**4:15 pm Closing Remarks: Lieutenant Governor Angela McLean**